SHAC 2010 Annual Report

The current installment of SHAC (School Health Advisory Council) conducted its first meeting in December 2009. Meetings are conducted once a month. The SHAC is comprised of eight parents and six community members.

The objective of the first meeting was to provide an overview of SHAC and to determine terms. Janet Baker, District Instructional Officer, provided a comprehensive overview of the responsibilities and function of SHAC. Names were drawn to determine which members would serve a one year term and which members would serve two year terms. Business at subsequent meetings included updating bylaws and identifying priorities. Bylaws were updated, reviewed by Attorney Mike Atkins, and then approved by the Board of Trustees.

Identified priorities consisted of the H1N1 Virus, Parenting and Paternity Awareness (P.A.P.A.), sex education for grades 7-12, and sex education at the Teen Parent Center (TPC).

H1N1 Virus – Miguel Escobedo, of the Ector County Health Department provided a historical perspective and current status of the H1N1 virus. Laura Mathew, Director of Health Services, has worked closely and diligently with other community agencies to educate our community. Due to concerns of a reemergence of the virus, continued community awareness was accomplished through utilization of flyers, brochures, district-wide letters to parents, and automated phone calls.

P.A.P.A. Curriculum – State law mandates the curriculum be incorporated into the school health course instruction. ECISD does not currently have a documented scope and sequence for secondary instruction. A scope and sequence will be created that will include the P.A.P.A. curriculum and required TEKS.

Sex Education for Secondary – The equality of time spent on each of the curriculums was discussed. The different curriculums that have been presented and discussed are as follows:

- 1. The Life Center from Midland
- 2. Texas Tech Health Sciences
- 3. Big Decision
- 4. Worth the Wait (Scott and White)
- 5. 7th and 8th grade curriculums previously taught in ECISD
- 6. 5th and 6th grade curriculums which have been in place for 12 years (updates needed)

Teen Parent Center (TPC) Sex Education Curriculum – discussed as to whether the TPC should have a different curriculum to address their specific needs. SHAC is developing recommendations to answer the following questions:

- 1. What curriculum should be presented?
- 2. Who will deliver the curriculum?
- 3. Where will the curriculum be presented?